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My dear Dr. Ellender:

I was indeed saddened to learn of the death of your father last night.

As a member of the Central Intelligence Agency Subcommittee of the Senate Appropriations Committee and later as Chairman of that Subcommittee, he was intimately acquainted with our activities. In the public interest he made certain that our expenditures were completely justified yet he defended the Agency against those who criticized it unjustly. He devoted his life to public service and he will be sorely missed.

My deepest sympathies are extended to you and to the other members of Senator Ellender's family.

Sincerely,

Richard Helms
Director

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